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and are paid want to get as much money as they can, and if they see daylight to which they can run and get more money, that is exactly where they are going to run. But they ought to have some integrity and they ought to have some principles. And the teachers are the first ones who should have said, I see poor children come to this school; I see children whose families cannot afford to feed them, and that's why we provide food for them, and the last thing I want you to do is to tax those poor people, to take from them the little that they have. Poor people spend money on things other than food. Food is not taxed but certain things that are edible and beverages are taxed still, and all other commodities and items that the poor purchase are taxed. But the teachers didn't care. They said this is one of those sneaky taxes that they won't know about so tax the poorest the hardest. Well, I'm going to make you pay a time tax these last few days. I'm going to show you, you can never feel it, what it means to dep...be deprived of something that you think is very valuable and important to the achievement of what you think ought to be achieved. All I can take from you is time, and I'm going to spend it in the way that I think is fit. So what I have before you is a kind of motion that you're going to see a great deal from me the rest of the session. It is a motion to reconsider the vote that was just given. I will not be able to vote for my motion the first time around, or else I can't offer a reconsideration motion. But the second time around I can cast my lonely vote, and I will be there alone. And it does not bother me at the least. Where are my Democratic friends today instead of sitting in their chairs? Some place cheering and happy that I'm taking that time that's going to bring the pressure to bear that they were too cowardly to bring to bear. So they let that redistricting bill go. They knew that I would do the work that needs to be done. But do you know where they are lucky? They can condemn me just like the "Repelicans". They can sit back and say I wish he wouldn't do it; no, he shouldn't do it, he ought to sit down. Stop offering those motions, but inside they'll say, thank God he will, because I'm too cowardly to do it. He saves me from myself, but that's not what I...why I'm doing it. I'm doing it to make a record of the hypocrisy of this Legislature. I'm doing it to underline how shallow are those representations about wanting to keep a strong...